

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:231
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
CAG REPORT ON ICDS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the CAG in its report has mentioned that Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme has failed to provide benefits to the target group;
- (b) if so, the factual position in this regard;
- (c) whether some States have diverted the funds for some other purposes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have detected any discrepancy in sanctioning and operating of projects and only 39% of World Bank funds have been utilised; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 231 FOR 19.3.2002 REGARDING CAG REPORT ON ICDS SCHEME

(a)&(b) The last Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Report No. 3 of 2000) is a performance appraisal of the impact of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and the delivery of services there under during the period 1992-1999. It has commented on the objectives, implementation and impact processes, shortfalls in the targets, discrepancies in the distribution of supplementary nutrition and delivery of services.

While the Report has pointed out 75 percent attainment of target set for number of ICDS Projects, significant co-operation and assistance by international agencies in implementation of the Scheme, it has also mentioned that 25 percent of the blocks in the country remained uncovered under ICDS, slow rate of the decline of Infant Mortality Rate, at 72 per thousand in 1996, discrepancies in distribution of supplementary nutrition by the State Governments, vacant posts of ICDS functionaries in some States, less provision for supplementary nutrition by the State Government, non-provision of therapeutic food in some States and deficiency in health input delivery e.g. immunization and health check-up.

(c)&(d) The aforesaid Report indicates that an amount of Rs.35.99 crore was kept in civil deposits, Rs.45.16 crore in personal deposits and Rs.38.91 crore in saving bank by some States. However, the Report does not disclose actual diversion and/or utilization of central funds under the ICDS scheme for other purposes. The feedback received from States suggests that the money was kept in civil deposit/saving bank pending utilization of funds.

(e)&(f) Out of 454 projects sanctioned under World Bank assisted ICDS-IP projects, 452 projects had been operationalised upto 31.3.99. Though 39% of the total committed World Bank assistance was disbursed upto 31.3.99, the concerned States had incurred expenditure to the extent of more than 59%. The Project has since picked up and 85.8% of World Bank assistance has been utilized upto December, 2001.